

Civil Air Patrol is uniquely positioned to conduct homeland security operations in support of the nation's homeland security initiatives. Established in 1941 to patrol the coastlines of the continental United States, Civil Air Patrol volunteers contributed significantly to the deterrence of enemy operations. Credited with the actual sinking of two German submarines and attacks on many more, CAP Coastal Patrol units from Maine to Texas performed valiantly. After the war, a German commander confirmed that coastal U-boat operations were withdrawn from U.S. waters because of those "damned little red and yellow airplanes."

Today, CAP has come full circle in the past 60 years, with a modern well-equipped fleet of aircraft and equipment that is exercised and utilized daily. Trained professional volunteers stand ready to meet the challenge by preparing, preventing, and responding to internal and external threats to the United States.

Assets/Resources Available

- 60,000 trained volunteers
- Organized into 1,700 operational units
- In communities in all 50 states plus Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia
- Operating 530 aircraft and 1,000 vehicles owned by CAP
- Augmented by member-owned aircraft
- Linked by a network of 15,000 radios

- Airborne photography & sensor imaging
- Controlled by National Operations Center
- More than 60 years experience



CAP's Emergency Service Core Competencies

- Rapid response
- Local volunteer service
- Low cost airborne operations
- Multi-layered communications
- Emergency Management

For more information on Civil Air Patrol's Homeland Security capabilities call **1-888-211-1812** or visit CAP's website at www.cap.gov.



Left: At the request of New York Governor George E. Pataki, on 12 September, 2001, CAP provided the first direct aerial perspective of the World Trade Center disaster site.



Mission Capabilities

Aerial Reconnaissance

Airborne imagery of critical infrastructure: Dams, pipelines, bridges, railroads, power plants, seaports, airports and more.



Counterdrug and Counter Narco-terrorism

Airborne overland and over-water reconnaissance, communications-relay platforms, radar evaluation and calibration, etc.

Disaster Relief and Damage Assessment, Crisis and Consequence Management, Search and Rescue

Below: More than 200 professionally trained CAP volunteers provided homeland security support during the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah. They flew 534 flying hours, providing airborne reconnaissance of critical infrastructure.

